



## *Strengthening alignment between industry needs and educational programs with key partnerships*

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Increase Economic Cluster Connectivity and Educational Alignment
2. Respond to Industry Identified Skill Gaps
3. Enhance the Role of the Regional Institutions in Economic Development
4. Promote Regional Stewardship of grantees' Contributions to Workforce Development



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The UCAP program provides funding to public post-secondary educational institutions to develop, implement, or enhance educational programs that are responsive to regional and statewide industry needs or industry trade associations located in Utah that serve a state designated industry cluster or regional economic need. UCAP also provides funding to public school districts, individual schools, or charter schools to develop, implement or enhance career pathway programs and connecting them to post-secondary institutions.

The program is also intended to increase the number of individuals who earn industry-recognized credentials, develop career pathways with multiple entry and exit points for students along the post-secondary education continuum and create systemic change by establishing processes and programs that better connect education, the workforce and employers.

Applicants are encouraged to form a consortium to develop programs that will impact individuals across a region, statewide, industry sector or cluster of related industries and leverage their collective experience to expand the available education and career training programs. Consortium applications consist of two or more eligible applicants working with multiple employers or industry trade associations.

### GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT (March 31, 2015 – May 26, 2015)

Total funding allocated for this Grant is \$3,450,000 (\$2,200,000 for the post-secondary/industry trade association track and \$1,250,000 for public school districts, individual schools or charter schools). Funding limits are set by the UCAP Executive Board. As a general guideline, projects are limited to \$200,000 with a higher cap approved for consortium/regional partnerships upon approval by the UCAP Executive Board. **For projects awarded, all funds must be expended and purchases received by no later than June 30, 2016.**

For more information, full program terms, and application details for the UCAP program please review the Request for Grants located at <http://jobs.utah.gov/edo/rfp.html>.

